

Fifteen thousand women to march for Suffrage

**NEXT SATURDAY'S PARADE TO BE
LARGEST EVER HELD IN THE
UNITED STATES -
MASS MEETING AFTERWARD
IN CARNEGIE HALL.**

WITH the slogan "Votes for Women," 15,000 skirt wearing campaigners for the ballot will march up Fifth avenue next Saturday afternoon in the greatest suffrage parade yet held in America.

While New York women will form the majority of the marchers, there will also be delegations representing the suffrage organizations of a dozen States, from Nebraska to Virginia, who will march with their Gotham sisters for the greater glory of the cause.

The parade will start from Washington Square at 5 o'clock and march up Fifth avenue to the Plaza, whence it will proceed west through Fifty-ninth street and south on Seventh avenue to Carnegie Hall, where a mass meeting open only to marchers and box holders will be held.

Of course there will not be room for nearly all the marchers inside the hall, so a number of overflow meetings will be held on street corners in the vicinity under the general direction of Miss Elizabeth Cook, who has organized a speakers' brigade. This brigade will be one of the smallest of the many divisions of the parade, but in picturesqueness and importance it will be second to none. Each speaker will carry her own platform—an attractive little cubical affair, painted a bright golf green and furnished with a neat leather handle, so that it may be handled as easily as a suit case. The platforms were once mere ordinary soap boxes, but no one would ever suspect it.

Those won't be a single man in this bunch of packed orators, neither will any man have an opportunity to lift up his voice on behalf of the cause on the Carnegie Hall platform. Mrs. Arthur Townsend, treasurer of the Women's Political Union, was thoroughly indignant when a reporter asked her the other day what prominent politicians had accepted invitations to speak.

"Accepted invitations," she repeated. "None of them received any. Haven't we enough fine speakers in our own ranks so that we can get along without men on an occasion of this kind? The Rev. Anna Shaw will deliver the principal address, and we hope that Jane Addams will be able to speak for us, but we don't want to listen to any men, unless of course President Taft or some one of similar importance should wish to be heard."

Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch, president of the union and the master spirit of the entire demonstration, will preside at the meeting, which will last an hour. It is supposed that the marchers, many of whom are not in the habit of walking any great distance, will be too tired and hungry to listen to more than sixty minutes of even the most thrilling sort of oratory before dinner.

But the meeting will make up its spectacular effects for what it lacks in length. More banners will be hung on the walls and draped over the railings of balconies than have ever before been assembled at one time under the roof of Carnegie Hall. All the colors of the rainbow will be represented in the flags and pennants carried by the different suffrage organizations.

The green, white and purple of the Women's Political Union, made famous by the English suffragettes, will cover the wall space back of the platform, but the yellow of the Woman Suffrage party will also occupy a prominent place, as will likewise the blue of the Equal Franchise League, the red of the Political Equality Association and the mauve and pale green of the College League.

Equestriennes to Lead.

The procession will be led by a squad of a hundred equestriennes headed by Miss Anne Tinker. The riders will wear regulation habits, but a equestrian little sailor's black straw with a rolled brim and a cascade on the left side will replace the conventional derby. A sword sash in the three colors bearing the legend "Votes for Women" in big black letters will also be worn. Among the riders will be Miss Inez Mitholland, Miss Mabel Lee, a Chinese girl studying at Barnard College; Miss Ruth Wellington and Mrs. Beatrice Forbes-Robertson.

The thousands who will walk behind the riders will be led by Miss Eleanor Brannan, granddaughter of Charles A. Dana, and Miss Caroline Lexow, who will take turns in carrying the huge purple and white banner of the Women's Political Union. The flag bearers will wear white serge suits and the specially designed parade hats of rough white straw. Miss Lexow's will be ornamented with a purple band, and Miss Brannan's with a green one. Next in line will be the executive board of the union. Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch, who is a graduate of Vassar, will wear a cap and gown with a hood of pink and gray, and Miss Alice Perkins, who went to Barnard, will wear a bachelor's cap and gown. Mrs. John Waters Brannan, daughter of Charles A. Dana, Mrs. Arthur Townsend, Mrs. John Rogers and Miss Elizabeth Cook will wear white suits and the parade hats. Behind the executive board will march one of the prettiest girls of the union, who have been selected for Carnegie Hall honors. They will be led by Miss Josephine Beijerhaas, assistant director of athletics for girls in the public schools, who has been appointed grand marshal of the parade. The ushers will wear costumes similar to those worn by the executive board.

Mrs. Blatch was very anxious that every one in the parade should wear a white suit or dress, and the regulation parade hat decorated with the colors of the particular organization to which she belonged. Nearly all the members of her union have signified their intention of carrying out her wishes in this matter. Members of the other suffrage societies which will be represented have promised to wear the white suit, but many of them have not taken kindly to the hat, which they characterize as unbecoming and far from picturesque. It is only fair, however, to mention that these critics had not seen

the one especially trimmed for Mrs. Brannan in the union green or Mrs. Townsend's, which is adorned with a smartly knotted purple chiffon scarf.

The ushers will bring up the rear of the first division of the parade. The second, composed of senatorial groups of the Women's Political Union, general sympathizers, professors, instructors, public school teachers and students, will fall in from the east and west sides of the avenue at Washington Square North. This division will be led by Miss Alberta Hill, once actively connected with the work of the union, and now the office manager of the Woodrow Wilson campaign committee, who led the parade last year with Miss Inez Mitholland. Several out of town correspondents, who saw Miss Hill for the first time on this occasion, led their stories with this clause: "If all the suffragists looked like this—"

No one knows just how many members of senatorial groups and general sympathizers will turn out, but the Women's Political Union alone had on file three weeks ago more pledges from more women than marched in last year's parade from all the suffrage organizations, and pledges are coming in constantly at the rate of fifty a day. The marshal for the teachers, who will number about 500, will be Miss Emily O'Keefe.

Professions Represented.

Mrs. Frances Higginson Cabot will lead the third division, which will come in at Ninth street, east of the avenue, and in which will march women doctors, headed by Miss Maude Glasgow; lawyers, led by Mrs. Bertha Rembaumt; actresses, led by Mrs. Thomas Loudon; librarians, led by Miss Beatrice Schumm; craftsmen, led by Mrs. Poillon; writers, led by Miss Sarah Spilint; artists, led by Mrs. Henry B. Fuller; musicians, led by Mrs. A. Lenale; and social workers, led by Miss Jessie Casard. It is estimated that there will be about 600 marchers in this division.

The fourth division, which will turn in from the west side of the avenue, will be led by Miss Ethel Peyer. It will include about 2,000 industrial workers. There will be special delegations from organized groups of millinery workers, laundry workers, shirtwaist makers, dressmakers, assistants, waitresses, domestic workers and neckwear makers. Each of these subdivisions will carry its own banner, designed for the parade and practically all of the workers will wear the official parade costume.

The fifth division, marshalled by Miss A. C. Reilly, which will turn in from the east on Tenth street, will consist of business women, including managers, buyers, designers, cashiers, bookkeepers, clerks, stenographers and telegraph operators. This division will number about 1,000. The stenographers will be led by Miss Hattie Loebner and the secretaries by Miss Coffin.

The sixth division, which will join the procession at Tenth street on the west, will be in some respects the most interesting of all, for it will include voters from suffrage States, office holders, a delegation from Scandinavia, and another from Chinatown. Mrs. Leo Linn, who will lead the Chinese women, will carry a banner bearing the caption "We come from a country where women have the vote." Miss Mabel Lee, who is a student at Barnard College, will be one of the riders in the first division.

The Swedish delegation will be led by Mrs. Velma Swanson Howard, the translator of Selma Lagerlof's works. The Swedish flag will be carried, and the women will wear the national costume. The Norwegian women will be led by Mrs. Gertrude Lochen Drewson. But the special feature of this division will be a flower wreathed victoria in which will ride the Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell, the only surviving pioneer of 1848, and Harriot Stanton Blatch, Jr., the two-year-old great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Mrs. Blackwell, who is now ninety-four years old, was prominent not only in the early suffrage work in this State but also in the first serious movement among women to obtain educational opportunities. She is a graduate of Oberlin College, and was the first woman who was ordained to the ministry in this country.

As for her small companion, who is the daughter of Mrs. Nora Blatch de Forrest, she was dedicated in her cradle to the cause of the emancipation of women, and up to the present time has given no indication of swerving in her allegiance, although she has an English nurse who is a strong "anti" and sniffs contemptuously every time her mother or her grand-mother insists upon her wearing a tricolor sash.

The "voters," who will also march in this division, will be led by Mrs. Florence



COLLEGE WOMEN WILL MARCH.



MISS ELEANOR BRANNAN ONE OF THE STANDARD BEARERS.



MISS CAROLINE LEXOW, WHO WILL LEAD THE FIRST DIVISION OF PARADE.



PART OF THE EQUESTRIENNE DIVISION OF THE PARADE.



EXECUTIVE BOARD WOMEN'S POLITICAL UNION, WHO WILL MARCH BEHIND EQUESTRIENNE SQUAD IN PARADE.

MRS. JOHN WATERS BRANNAN, MRS. LEE DE FORREST, MRS. JOHN ROGERS, MISS ALICE PERKINS, MRS. ARTHUR TOWNSEND, MRS. HARRIOT STANTON BLATCH, MISS CAROLINE LEXOW, MISS ELIZABETH COOK.



SUFFRAGISTS ADVERTISING THE PARADE BY TALLY-HO.



MISS ELIZABETH COOK

Maule Cooley, and there will be a delegation of clerks from the civil service departments.

The seventh division, to be marshalled by Miss Harriet Park, will be led by members of the executive board of the national association, headed by the Rev. Anna Shaw, who will come back from Ohio, where she is helping in the campaign for the suffrage amendment, especially to march in the parade. Miss Lucy Anthony, a niece of Susan B. Anthony, will walk just behind Miss Shaw, carrying the six star Susan B. Anthony flag which she carried as a five star flag in last year's procession.

Other State Delegates.

Large delegations from Connecticut, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, the District of Columbia and other States will follow. The Virginia delegation will be led by Miss Mary Johnston, the novelist, and the Massachusetts by Mrs. Winston Churchill.

The New York State Woman Suffrage Association, led by its president, Miss Harriet May Mills; the Equal Franchise Society, headed by Mrs. Pearce Bailey, and local suffrage clubs will constitute the eighth division, which will turn in at Eleventh street from the west. Miss Mills said that she imagined her organization would have about 500 marchers in line, and she explained that they would not attempt to wear the parade hats because so many of them would arrive from up State at the last moment they would have no time to buy them. There will be a delegation of about a hundred from the Equal Franchise League. Mrs. Clarence Mackay, its founder and first president, has decided not to march, but it is probable that Mrs. Jessica Finch, who succeeded her in the office from which she resigned because of lack of time to attend to its duties, will be in the ranks.

Arthur Levy will have the task of marshalling the Ninth division, which

will join the procession at Thirteenth street from the east side of the avenue. Probably no division will receive a larger share of attention or applause from the crowds who watch the parade go by, although its marchers will not exceed 500, and will represent but one organization—the Men's League for Woman Suffrage. The league has not yet given out the names of those who will testify their loyalty to the cause by carrying a "votes for women" banner up Fifth avenue in broad daylight, but it is hoped that George Foster Peabody, Max Eastman, Edward T. Devine, Hamilton H. Holt, Frederick Nathan, James Lees Laidlaw, Prof. John Dewey and Charles Board of Columbia and a delegation from the branch league of Columbia University will be brave enough to show their colors.

The men have not adopted any official costume. They may decide to wear conventional afternoon dress, including top hats or they may march in business suits. It is probable that most of them will walk at a votes for women sword sash, but every one will wear a suffrage button of some sort.

The Tenth division won't walk at all. It will be a little auto parade of New Hampshire women, who have driven all the way from Concord in their own cars, about twenty of which will be in line. It was stipulated at first that no cars or vehicles of any kind were to be allowed in the parade except such as were needed for persons who were too feeble to walk, but when Mrs. Blatch was told that the New Hampshire women would be their own chauffeurs for the long drive from Concord and that if they couldn't show their skill in the procession they would come on by train she relented and said that they might rank as an occupation group. The autos will fall in from the West Side just behind the men's league.

The eleventh division, which will come in from the northeast side of Union Square, will be the largest in the parade. It will include the Woman Suffrage party,

who expect to have about 5,000 marchers; the College League, the Wage Earners League and the Women's Trade Union League. Mrs. Penfield as city chairman will head the Woman Suffrage party, and with her will march Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw, Miss Mary Garratt Hay, Mrs. Martha Sullivan, Miss Edith Whitmore and other members of the central committee. Mrs. Robert Elder, chairman of the Borough of Brooklyn, has decided to march under the banner of the State association as leader of the Kings county association, of which she is president.

The members of this division will wear yellow "votes for women" sword sashes and buttons and their banners will all be yellow. The representatives of the College League, led by Mrs. Charles Tiffany, will wear caps and gowns and carry flags and pennants emblazoned with the name of their organization on a green and mauve ground. The Wage Earners League will furnish about 1,500 marchers, who will carry banners indicative of their several trades. They will be led by Miss Elizabeth Freeman, who was prominent in the English campaign two years ago and who has been arrested nine times for assaulting London policemen. The Women's Trade Union League, led by its president, Miss Mary Drier, will furnish 150 marchers. Among those who will march in this delegation are Miss Helen Marot, Miss Leonora O'Reilly and Rose Schneiderman.

The twelfth and last division, headed by Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, president of the Political Equality Association, will turn in at Twenty-seventh street. Several hundred of Mrs. Belmont's followers have promised to march with her, and behind them will walk clerks from the uptown department stores.

Mrs. Belmont's banners will be red with silver lettering, and the department store girls will carry the colors of the Women's Political Union.

The governing board of the Women's Political Union, upon whom rests the responsibility for the success of the

parade, have devised several ingenious schemes of advertising which have brought them in hundreds of marching pledges from persons not connected with any suffrage organization. Two weeks ago twenty-four sheet posters in the union colors showing an idealized suffragette blowing a trumpet and inviting every one to march, rain or shine, on May 4 were put up on fences all over the city and were also displayed in the University Settlement, the College Settlement in Irvington Street, Washington Irving High School, the Rand School, Cooper Union, the Charity Organization Society and in several other settlement houses and schools.

Tallyho Advertising.

Many of the smaller shops both up town and in the crowded shopping districts willingly agreed to give window space to the poster for a few days at least. Many more will be put up this week. Miss Elizabeth Cook organized a tallyho party which drove up Fifth avenue and down Broadway on Saturday, April 13, distributing purple and green dodgers which announced to the passersby that it was up to them to secure political freedom for the women of this generation. The women were treated with the utmost courtesy by the crowds who stopped to look at them and almost every one to whom a dodger was offered accepted it with every appearance of interest. Many persons in automobiles made efforts to grab dodgers as they were whirled past the slow moving coach and in several instances conductors of omnibuses took enough to distribute among the passengers.

Elizabeth Cook, Inez Mitholland, Alberta Hill and two other girls dressed in white marched up Fifth avenue yesterday afternoon carrying white parasols bearing different legends in bright green paint. One of them bore the familiar "Votes for Women," another "Parade May 4th," another "March with U. S.," a fourth "Itain or Shine," and the fifth, "Women's Political Union."

Each girl carried a canvas bag containing a thousand dodgers, and not one of these was thrown away by a recipient. Recruiting stations were set up last week in City Hall Park, Madison Square and Bryant Park, with two suffragists in charge of each. Their properties were one stool, on which they took turns in sitting; one green, white and purple banner, a big package of parade dodgers and an enrolment book in which they entered the names of such passersby as they could persuade to pledge themselves to swell the ranks of the parade.

Meanwhile an extra force of twelve stenographers and addressers are at work in the union headquarters at 143 East Twenty-ninth street, addressing and mailing invitations to march, and a like number of volunteer workers are doing the same sort of work in another room. All the pledges that come in are arranged in packets according to the occupations of the signers, and to every marcher is sent a postcard bearing specific directions concerning the section to which she belongs, the place where she is to fall in and a few useful hints in regard to dress and other matters.

"Wear white or light dress if possible," reads, "the small special hat designed for the parade and low heeled shoes. Keep your head erect, your shoulders back, your eyes in front. Do not talk or laugh. Obey your marshal. Remember you are marching for a principle."

The socialist women of New York will not march in the parade, not, as Mrs. Anita Block, their leader, explained, because they believe in suffrage less, but because they believe in socialism more. "All socialists are firm believers in votes for women," she said, "but in our eyes the industrial problems working women are wrestling with are much more pressing than even woman suffrage."